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NECK BROKEN IN AUTO ACCIDENT

MRS. H. H. POTTER INSTANTLY
KILLED WHEN THROWN
FROM CAR

Mrs. Howard H. Potter of Pierpont, was instantly killed Saturday evening when the car in which she was riding with her husband and which he was driving was turned into the ditch to avoid a collision with a car which was approaching rapidly from the opposite direction.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter had been in Pierpont just before the accident happened and at the time they were en route home. The night was a very bad one, a heavy fog hanging on the ground and rendering distant vision a practical impossibility.

Suddenly and without warning a car came out of the mist headed right for the Potter car. To avoid striking it Mr. Potter was forced to turn his car into the ditch. At that particular point there was a ditch probably two feet deep and as the side of the car went off it is probable that there was considerable of a jar. It was sufficient to throw Mrs. Potter out of the car. She was sitting with her hands in a muff at the time and it is probable that this fact prevented her from using her hands to protect herself. She fell to the ground in such a manner that her neck was broken.

The car did not tip over and Mr. Potter took her as rapidly as possible to medical assistance, but she had already expired before being picked up. The car which was the primary cause of the accident did not stop and its occupants are not known.

Besides her husband Mrs. Potter leaves a five-year-old son to mourn her loss.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon.

While their postoffice address was Pierpont, Mr. and Mrs. Potter were very frequent visitors in Groton and are really practically Grotonites. The family has a very large circle of friends here and news of Mrs. Potter's sudden death came as a sudden shock to everyone.